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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07
 LAST UPDATED 02/25/07 HB 1199

SPONSOR Harrison

SHORT TITLE Navajo Nation Youth Conservation Program SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Correction for House Bill 1199

The original analysis incorrectly refers to the Youth Conservation Corps but the word Corps is not used in House Bill 1199. The correct reference should only be Youth Conservation Program without Corps.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1199 appropriates \$80,000 from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of funding a youth conservation corps program to engage in watershed restoration projects in the Navajo Nation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

IAD reports the bill funds watershed restoration in the Rio Puerco basin. A summer Youth Conservation Corps program would enlist local high school students, probably from the eight Navajo Nation chapters within the basin's boundaries. The funds would primarily be allocated to provide pay for the program participants. It is estimated that 60-70 students could participate throughout the summer. This level of manpower has the potential to provide significant labor that would meaningfully benefit restoration efforts. Additionally, the summer season is optimal for executing watershed restoration projects.

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